

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for generating a mailing label, the method comprising:
requesting, through a communication channel, a tracking number for the mailing label, wherein the tracking number identifies that the mailing label is printable by a user on a single-sheet medium;
receiving, through the communication channel, a response to the request, the response including the tracking number provided by a tracking number source; and
enabling the user to print the mailing label with the received tracking number on a single-sheet medium.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein requesting further comprises:
requesting the tracking number through an interface which solicits a request for the tracking number from the tracking number source.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein requesting further comprises:
requesting the tracking number through an interface, the interface adapted to identify that the tracking number is for the mailing label that is printable by the user.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
printing the mailing label on the single-sheet medium, wherein the single-sheet medium is useable as an Express Mail label.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein printing the mailing label further comprises:
printing the mailing label with an indication that postage is required.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein enabling comprises:
enabling the user to print through an interface at a processor.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving comprises:
receiving the tracking number with an indication that a credit card was charged.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein said enabling further comprises:
enabling the user to print when an image file is received.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein said enabling further comprises:
enabling the user to print the mailing label when the tracking number is received.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing payment information, such that the payment information includes a credit card number.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
requesting an acknowledgement of delivery based on the tracking number.
12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
receiving the requested acknowledgement.
13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
receiving a date with the delivery acknowledgement, such that the date corresponds to when the letter was delivered.
14. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
mailing a label as the single-sheet medium.
15. A method for enabling a computer generated mailing label to be printed on a single-sheet medium, the method comprising:
receiving, through a communication channel, a request for a tracking number;

determining whether the request is for a mailing label that is printable on the single-sheet medium;

determining the tracking number, such that the tracking number includes a unique prefix when the request is for a mailing label that is printable on the single-sheet medium;

storing the determined tracking number; and

providing, through the communication channel, the determined tracking number.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein receiving further comprises:
receiving the request through an interface, the interface adapted to receive the request from a user.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein receiving the request through the interface further comprises:

receiving payment information corresponding to the user.

18. The method of 17, wherein receiving payment information further comprises:

receiving a credit card number for the user.

19. The method of 16, wherein receiving the request through the interface further comprises:

receiving a ZIP code for a destination of a letter associated with the request.

20. The method of claim 15, wherein determining whether the request is for the mailing label further comprises:

determining whether the request originated from an interface, the interface adapted to enable a user to print the mailing label on the single-sheet medium.

21. The method of claim 15, wherein determining the tracking number further comprises:

providing a source database of at least one tracking number, with information identifying a user.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
receiving a response from the source database, such that the response includes the tracking number corresponding to the user.

23. The method of claim 15, wherein determining the tracking number further comprises:

determining the unique prefix as a two-character prefix.

24. The method of claim 15, wherein providing further comprises:
providing through an interface, the determined tracking number, wherein the interface is adapted to print the mailing label on the single-sheet medium.

25. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
printing the determined tracking number on the single-sheet medium.

26. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
printing an Express Mail label on a single-sheet medium, the Express Mail label including the determined tracking number.

27. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
storing information in a financial database; and
generating a bill to the user, the bill derived from the stored information.

28. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

generating a mailing receipt.

29. A method of distributing a letter, comprising:

delivering a letter with a mailing label;

determining that the mailing label includes a tracking number with a two-character prefix, such that the two-character prefix identifies the mailing label as being printed by a user; and

sending a delivery indication including the determined tracking number to the user.

30. A system for generating a mailing label, comprising:

at least one memory comprising:

first code generates a request, through a communication channel, for a tracking number for the mailing label, wherein the tracking number identifies the mailing label as printable by a user on a single-sheet medium;

second code that receives, through the communication channel, a response to said request, the response including the tracking number provided by a tracking number source; and

third code that enables the user to print the mailing label with the received tracking number; and

at least one data processor that executes the first, second, and third codes.

31. The system of claim 30, wherein the first code further comprises:

code that generates a request for a tracking number through an interface which solicits a request from the tracking number source.

32. The system of claim 30, wherein the first code further comprises: code that requests the tracking number through an interface, the interface adapted to identify that the tracking number is for the mailing label that is printable by the user.

33. The system of claim 30, further comprising: code that prints the mailing label on the single-sheet medium, wherein the single-sheet medium is useable as an Express Mail label.

34. The system of claim 33, wherein the code that prints further comprises: code that prints the mailing label with an indication that postage is required.

35. The system of claim 30, wherein the third code further comprises: code that enables the user to print through an interface at the at least one data processor.

36. The system of claim 30, wherein the second code further comprises: code that receives the tracking number with an indication that a credit card was charged.

37. The system of claim 30, wherein the third code further comprises: codes that enables the user to print when an image file is received.

38. The system of claim 30, wherein the third code further comprises: code that enables the user to print the mailing label when the tracking number is received.

39. The system of claim 30, further comprising:

code that provides payment information, such that the payment information includes a credit card number.

40. The system of claim 30, further comprising:
code that requests an acknowledgement of delivery based on the tracking number.

41. The system of claim 40, further comprising:
code that receives the requested acknowledgement.
42. The system of claim 41, further comprising:
code that receives a date with the delivery acknowledgement, such that the date corresponds to when the letter was delivered.

43. The system of claim 30, further comprising:
code that enables the user to print the mailing label for use with Express Mail.
44. A system for enabling a computer generated mailing label, the system comprising:

at least one memory comprising:
first code that receives, through a communication channel, a request for a tracking number;
second code that determines whether the request is for a mailing label that is printable on a single-sheet medium;
third code that determines the tracking number, such that the tracking number includes a unique prefix when the request is for a mailing label that is printable on the single-sheet medium;
fourth code that stores the determined tracking number; and

fifth code that provides, through the communication channel, the determined tracking number; and

at least one data processor that executes the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth codes.

45. The system of claim 44, wherein the first code further comprises: code that receives the request through an interface, the interface adapted to receive the request from a user.

46. The system of claim 45, further comprising: code that receives payment information corresponding to the user.

47. The system of 46, further comprising:

code that receives a credit card number from the user.

48. The system of 45, further comprising: code that receives a ZIP code for a destination of a letter associated with the request.

49. The system of claim 44, wherein the second code further comprises: code that determines whether the request originated from an interface, the interface adapted to enable a user to print the mailing label on the single-sheet medium.

50. The system of claim 44, wherein the third code further comprises: code that provides a source database of one or more tracking numbers with information identifying a user.

51. The system of claim 50, further comprising:

code that receives a response from the source database, such that the response includes the tracking number corresponding to the user.

52. The system of claim 44, wherein the third code further comprises: code that determines the unique prefix as a two-character prefix.

53. The system of claim 44, wherein the fifth code further comprises: code that provides the determined tracking number, wherein the interface is adapted to print the mailing label on the single-sheet medium.

54. The system of claim 44, further comprising: code that prints the determined tracking number on the single-sheet medium.

55. The system of claim 44, further comprising: code that prints an Express Mail label on a single-sheet medium, the Express Mail label including the determined tracking number.

56. The system of claim 44, further comprising: code that stores information in a financial database; and code that generates a bill to the user, the bill derived from the stored information.

57. The system of claim 44, further comprising: code that generates a mailing receipt.

58. A system of distributing a letter, the system comprising:

at least one memory comprising:

first code that determines that the mailing label includes a tracking number with a two-character prefix, such that the two-character prefix identifies the mailing label as being printed by a user; and

second code that sends a delivery indication including the determined tracking number to the user; and at least one data processor that executes the first and second codes.

59. A computer program product for generating a mailing label, the computer program product comprising code, the code comprising first code that requests, through a communication channel, a tracking number for the mailing label, wherein the tracking number identifies that the mailing label is printable by a user on a single-sheet medium;

second code that receives, through the communication channel, a response to the request, the response including the tracking number provided by a tracking number source; and

third code that enables the user to print the mailing label with the received tracking number.

60. The computer program product of claim 59, wherein the first code further comprises:

code that requests the tracking number through an interface which solicits a request for the tracking number from the tracking number source.

61. The computer program product of claim 59, wherein the first code further comprises:

code that requests the tracking number through an interface, the interface adapted to identify that the tracking number is for the mailing label that is printable by the user.

62. The computer program product of claim 59, further comprising:

code that prints the mailing label on the single-sheet medium, wherein the single-sheet medium is useable as an Express Mail label.

63. The computer program product of claim 62, further comprising:
code that prints the mailing label with an indication that postage is required.

64. The computer program product of claim 59, wherein the third code
further comprises:

code that enables the user to print through an interface at a processor.

65. The computer program product of claim 59, wherein the second code
further comprises:

code that receives the tracking number with an indication that a credit card
was charged.

66. The computer program product of claim 59, wherein the third code
further comprises:

code that enable the user to print when an image file is received.

67. The computer program product of claim 59, wherein the third code
further comprises:

code that enables the user to print the mailing label when the tracking number
is received.

68. The computer program product of claim 59, further comprising:
code that provides payment information, such that the payment information
includes a credit card number.

69. The computer program product of claim 59, further comprising:

code that requests an acknowledgement of delivery based on the tracking number.

70. The computer program product of claim 69, further comprising:
code that receives the requested acknowledgement.

71. The computer program product of claim 70, further comprising:
code that receives a date with the delivery acknowledgement, such that the date corresponds to when the letter was delivered.

72. The computer program product of claim 59, further comprising:
code that enables the user to print the mailing label for use with Express Mail.

73. A computer program product for enabling a computer generated mailing label to be printed on a single-sheet medium, the computer program product comprising code, the code comprising:

first code that receives, through a communication channel, a request for a tracking number;

second code that determines whether the request is for a mailing label that is printable on the single-sheet medium;

third code that determines the tracking number, such that the tracking number includes a unique prefix when the request is for a mailing label that is printable on the single-sheet medium;

fourth code that stores the determined tracking number; and

fifth code that provides, through the communication channel, the determined tracking number.

74. The computer program product of claim 73, wherein said the first further comprises:

code that receives the request through an interface, the interface adapted to receive the request from a user.

75. The computer program product of claim 74, further comprising:

code that receives payment information corresponding to the user.

76. The computer program product of 75, further comprising:

code that receives a credit card number from the user.

77. The computer program product of 74, further comprising:

code that receives a ZIP code for a destination of a letter associated with the request.

78. The computer program product of claim 73, wherein the second code further comprises:

code that determines whether the request originated from an interface, the interface adapted to enable a user to print the mailing label on the single-sheet medium.

79. The computer program product of claim 73, wherein third code further comprises:

code that provides a source database of one or more tracking numbers with information identifying a user.

80. The computer program product of claim 79, further comprising:

code that receives a response from the source database, such that the response includes the tracking number corresponding to the user.

81. The computer program product of claim 73, wherein code that determines the tracking number further comprises:
 - code that determines the unique prefix as a two-character prefix.
82. The computer program product of claim 73, wherein fifth code further comprises:
 - code that provides the determined tracking number through an interface, wherein the interface is adapted to print the mailing label on the single-sheet medium.
83. The computer program product of claim 73, further comprising:
 - code that prints the determined on the single-sheet medium.
84. The computer program product of claim 73, wherein said code that prints further comprises:
 - code that prints an Express Mail label on a single-sheet medium, the Express Mail label including the determined tracking number.
85. The computer program product of claim 73, further comprising:
 - code that stores information to a financial database; and
 - code that generates a bill to the user, the bill derived from the stored information.
86. The computer program product of claim 73, further comprising:
 - code that generates a mailing receipt.
87. A computer program product for mail distribution, the computer program product comprising code, the code comprising:

first code that determines that a mailing label includes a tracking number with a two-character prefix, such that the two-character prefix identifies the mailing label as being printed by a user; and

second code that sends a delivery indication including the determined tracking number to the user.

88. A system for generating a mailing label, the system comprising means for requesting, through a communication channel, a tracking number for the mailing label, wherein the tracking number identifies that the mailing label is printable by a user on a single-sheet medium;

means for receiving, through the communication channel, a response to the request, the response including the tracking number provided by a tracking number source; and

means for enabling the user to print the mailing label with the received tracking number on a single-sheet medium.

89. A system for enabling a computer generated mailing label to be printed on a single-sheet medium, the system comprising:

means for receiving, through a communication channel, a request for a tracking number;

means for determining whether the request is for a mailing label that is printable on the single-sheet medium;

means for determining the tracking number, such that the tracking number includes a unique prefix when the request is for a mailing label that is printable on the single-sheet medium;

means for storing the determined tracking number; and
means for providing, through the communication channel, the
determined tracking number.

90. A mail distribution network, the network comprising:
means for determining that a mailing label includes a tracking number with a
two-character prefix, such that the two-character prefix identifies the mailing label as
being printed by a user; and
means for sending a delivery indication including the determined tracking
number to the user.